

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:**

[0085] In vehicular traveling control apparatus and method, comprising: a vehicular forward substance detecting section of a laser radar type is provided  
5 to detect a forward substance located in a forward direction of the vehicle, a vehicular travel control is performed on the basis of a relative positional relationship between the forward substance detected by the vehicular forward substance detecting section  
10 and the vehicle, such an impulse that a detection range of the vehicular forward substance detecting section is varied has been applied to the vehicular forward detecting section is detected, and the vehicular traveling control is inhibited when  
15 detecting that the impulse has been applied to the vehicular forward substance detecting section.

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